

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## County Confinement Account

### Purpose

The [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC) receives an appropriation for the County Confinement Account to reimburse counties for the temporary confinement of alleged violators pending a revocation proceeding. This includes offenders on parole and work release, plus offenders convicted of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offenses and sentenced to the custody of the Director of the DOC. These offenders are under supervision of the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments.

Most alleged violators are incarcerated while awaiting a revocation proceeding, and most are held in county jails. Some alleged violators may be held in the state prison system, pending the hearing. This option provides cost containment for the County Confinement Account by reducing the number of days a state prisoner is held in the county jail.

The State does not reimburse counties for housing alleged violators of probation conditions. Also, the state does not reimburse counties for holding a newly convicted offender in the county jail, pending transport to the state prison system.

### Funding

The County Confinement Account is funded by a General Fund appropriation in the [Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee](#) budget bill. This amount has been \$1,075,092. However, for FY 2015 and FY 2016, additional amounts have been reallocated from within the Department of Corrections General Fund appropriation to the County Confinement Account. In FY 2015, this additional amount was \$619,846 (an increase of 57.7%), and for FY 2016 an additional \$633,700 (an increase of 58.9%) was reallocated due to valid claims exceeding the original appropriation. Refer to the *Issue Review* [State Prison System Budget](#) for additional information regarding the prisons' operating costs.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [901.7](#), [904.513](#), [904.908](#), and [906.17](#)  
[201](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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### More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/>

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